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OREGON WEATHER

Probably fair, colder, with moderate northerly winds.

TOURIST TRAFFIC

The director of railroads has announced that during the war tourist travel will be discouraged. Heretofore the railroads have done everything in their power to increase that traffic and to this end have spent large sums of money in advertising the various attractions. Now this great boosting is not only to cease, but the travel is to be directly discouraged.

When this war ceases we will revert to the former practice of railroads in tourist matters and it stands this region in hand to plan to an end. Heretofore there has been no comprehensive plan of operations, or results would have been better. Every little resort is under separate management and feels that it has nothing to do with the others. The result is that none of them are able to make any money, consequently they are looked upon as cheap and to a large extent uninteresting to strangers. Local patronage will not pay the expense of operating any of them and they will be forced to depend on outsiders for their patronage.

The tourist travel that pays will not be satisfied with a log cabin and a few flapjacks, but, demands the best hotels and everything else in keeping. Financiers will not invest their money in small country hotels, no matter how enthusiastic the neighbors may be, but, they must first see a chance for dividends, which do not come from small resorts.

Crater Lake is the chief natural attraction of Oregon, but, visitors average one or two days there. If it was tied up with the Oregon Caves, Klamath Lake, Klamath Hot Springs and two or three more leading attractions and they were all under one management, the time could probably be extended to ten days, which would pay handsomely, particularly as the management would maintain the transportation system, which, of itself would be a paying proposition. Until something of this sort is brought about capital will not be available and each little resort will remain a struggling possibility.

Sentiment is all right in its place and is a valuable asset to any community, but, it takes money to run a business, of which the tourist trade is no exception. How would it do

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in starting matters, to first find out what we have as a national attraction in the caves? That can probably be done if the U. S. Geological survey will make a thorough examination and report to the general government. This would provide an official document on which a plan of development could probably be based. It is certainly worth a trial.

GERMAN ATROCITIES

When this war is over and the history of it is written, one crimson blot will forever desecrate the German name. Their vicious hatred and malicious treatment of their enemies will be entirely lost sight of, as the story is written of their savage atrocities toward women and children.

The fact will be written in red letters that they drove thousands of women and children in front of their lines, to receive the fire of the French and British, and in great glowing letters it will be written that the French and British fell back rather than to fire on them. Thousands of infants have been plied to the floor with bayonets. Frenchmen and Belgians have been crucified in German trenches, children's hands have been cut off, women by the thousand have been forced into concubinage, men's legs and arms have been uselessly amputated, to say nothing of ancient cathedrals that have been respected by barbarians for centuries, only to be desecrated and destroyed by order of the German rulers. It will be a black page in history.

In addition to all this the chief criminal, the greatest murderer the world has ever produced, stalks forth with his bloody hands and boasts of his partnership with God. Was there ever such blasphemy?

VETERANS OF WORLD WAR

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was the loss of both arms, torn off by high explosives. Captain E. J. Gook, the huge irre-

parable boy of the party, entered service with the Western Canadian cavalry, enlisting in August, 1914. Ypres, the Somme and Festubert are but three of the many engagements through which he passed.

At Festubert, in an assault on German third-line trenches Capt. Gook stopped two soft-nosed machine gun bullets, which entered his right side and traversed the stomach. Contrary to all the predictions, he recovered. It was also his fortune to be "gassed" at the second battle of Ypres. The full complement of his wounds includes one in the left elbow.

Following recovery from the wounds Captain Gook served as an instructor in military training schools in France and England.

COUNTY AGENT'S NOTES

Pruning School

We have arranged for a pruning school to be run during the last week in January. Beginning January 28, at the hour of 10 a. m., at the court house in Grants Pass. At that time Prof. Brown will give a talk on pruning, by the way of introduction. It is hoped that every one who wishes to take this work will be present at this opening meeting, as Prof. Brown will discuss some of the important phases of the work and tell of some of the things that are to be brought out in the field work. The remainder of the week will be spent in the field giving practical demonstration work. In all probability this field work will be carried on in the orchards below Grants Pass.

More of the details of the work will be published later.

Farmers' Week at O. A. C.

While the number from Josephine county was not so large as last year, it is just as much a fact that every one who did go this year is most appreciative of the course offered and the benefits secured.

The spirit of cooperation seemed more manifest than ever before. The agricultural council of the state organized what is known as the Federate Agricultural Councils of the state, and will serve in the same relation to the state agent as does our agricultural council to the county agent, and also be in readiness for

SEPARATE PIECES



any emergency that may arise in connection with the present war.

Seed Grain

We are more than ever impressed with the necessity for placing orders for seed grain at an early date. At the present time there seems to be plenty offered for sale, but at the same time it is evident that there is going to be an unusual demand and there may be a scarcity if delay is made in ordering.

C. D. THOMPSON, County Agricultural Agent

GERMAN POPULATION IS NOW DECREASING

Washington, Jan. 8.—Germany's civil population is dying off much faster than it is born, according to official information in possession of the American government here.

German officials are alarmed by the decreasing birth rate and have taken steps to provide better care for mothers and babies. One of the important departures is the establishment of "homes everywhere" for the reception and care of children. A government press propaganda points out that these children will be gladly received and no questions asked.

The increased civilian deaths are blamed on epidemics of different diseases, resulting from weakened physical condition caused by lack of proper and sufficient food.

A Leipzig doctor told of hundreds of men, women and children who have gone to doctors declaring they were ill when they were suffering from malnutrition and hunger. He added that there was "no way" out of the difficulty and these persons had to be refused food because there is no food to give them.

Leipzig vital statistics for a month mirror the conditions obtaining through Germany. According to these there were in that month 454 births in the city, 226 girls and 228 boys, compared with 711 deaths, 220 of which were males and the rest females.

The weekly average of deaths in that month was 178, as compared with 150 in the corresponding month births was 124 as compared with 246 in corresponding weeks in 1914. One hundred and fifty-three of the 604 children born in Breslau that month were illegitimate.

Infectious diseases have shown a big increase everywhere in the empire. Throughout Silesia diphtheria and typhus have shown a general and strong increase. Scarlet fever is prevalent. There were 10,651 cases of acute intestinal trouble, 2,449 of which resulted in deaths.

Government attempts to control these diseases have been ineffectual. Officials are concentrating on the care of mothers and babies. Special protection is being arranged for mothers who work with poisonous materials and explosives. There are thousands of these.

Found First Diamond.

The first diamond discovered in Griqualand, South Africa, was found by the children of a Dutch farmer, who for a time used it as a plaything. The stone was later sent to Cape Town, where its true nature was recognized, and it was subsequently forwarded to Paris, where it was exhibited and sold for \$2,500. The valuable discovery soon led to other researches, and diamonds were unearthed in various places in Griqualand West, with the result that, 40 years ago, the country of the Griquas, a mixed race sprung from Dutch settlers and native women, was annexed by Great Britain.

Communal Kitchens.

The latest proposal for the elimination of waste in food and the supply of meals at minimum cost in England, includes, what for a better term is called, communal feeding. The communal kitchen has been proposed on several occasions but, save for a few spasmodic experiments, it has not been given a thorough trial. Lord Rhondda is interested in the new proposal and setting with a committee of social workers he is devising plans to give the scheme a real test. With so many women doing war work and with consequent neglect of household duties, some such plan as is proposed will have to be carried out if the rising generation is not to suffer seriously in health.

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